



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

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The Proposed Grade Truncation of Teachers Preparatory High School (23K697) from a Secondary School to a High School Beginning in the 2017-2018 School Year

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to truncate the grades served by Teachers Preparatory High School (23K697, “Teachers Prep”) from a secondary school to a high school beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Teachers Prep is an existing district school serving students in grades six through twelve in building K175 (“K175”), located at 226 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in Community School District 23 (“District 23”). Teachers Prep is co-located in K175 with Frederick Douglass Academy VII (23K514, “FDA VII”), an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grade. If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), Teachers Prep will no longer enroll or serve sixth-grade students after the 2016-2017 school year, seventh-grade students after the 2017-2018 school year, and eighth-grade students after the 2018-2019 school year. Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, Teachers Prep will only serve students in ninth through twelfth grade.

As discussed further in Section III of the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), this proposal was developed in collaboration with the Brooklyn High School Superintendent, who believe that the truncation of grades six through eight will benefit the Teachers Prep and District 23 communities. In the 2015-2016 school year, Teachers Prep had a total of just 69 students enrolled in grades six through eight. Such low demand and enrollment at the middle school level creates budgetary and programmatic challenges. This truncation will enable Teachers Prep to focus exclusively on its higher-enrolled high school grades and continue building a quality high school option for the District 23 community.

Additionally, District 23 currently has an excess of over 1,700 middle school seats. If this proposal is approved, it is expected to help reduce this excess and support the enrollment at other middle schools across the district as they enroll and serve future students who may have otherwise attended middle school at Teachers Prep.

If this proposal is approved, Teachers Prep will gradually stop serving middle school students, serving one fewer grade each year beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, when it will no longer enroll or serve sixth-grade students. Students in sixth and seventh grades in the 2016-2017 school year, and students in seventh grade in the 2017-2018 school year who meet promotional criteria may remain in Teachers Prep for the remainder of middle school. Eighth-grade students who meet promotional criteria may continue on to ninth grade at Teachers Prep or another high school to which they are matched in the high school admissions Process, described in greater detail in Appendix C of the EIS. If students do not meet promotional criteria and must repeat a grade that is no longer served by Teachers Prep, those students will be offered a seat at another middle school in District 23 or their district of residence.

If this proposal is approved, fifth-grade students who have submitted an application in the middle school admissions process ranking Teachers Prep as an option will have that choice removed, and all other rankings will be moved up on the students’ middle school applications. Building K175 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,020 students and currently serves 539 students across Teachers Prep and FDA VII, yielding a building utilization rate of 53%. If this proposal is approved, in the 2017-2018 school year, Teachers Prep will serve a projected 280-340 students in seventh through twelfth grade and FDA VII will serve a projected 190-230 students in ninth through twelfth grade, totaling a projected building enrollment of 470-570 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 46%-56% in the 2017-2018 school year. In the 2019-2020 school year, once Teachers Prep no longer serves students in the sixth through eighth grade, Teachers Prep will serve a projected 235-275 students in ninth through twelfth grade and FDA VII will serve a projected 190-230 students in ninth through twelfth grade, for a total building enrollment of 425-505 and a projected utilization rate of 42%-50%.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The EIS can be found on the DOE's website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2016-2017/December212016SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Teachers Prep and FDA VII.

III. Submission of public comment.

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal and share their feedback in person. Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the PEP the evening before the PEP votes.

Written comments can be sent to D23Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

December 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Building K175
226 Bristol Street
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in Section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposed item.

December 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM
High School for Fashion Industries
225 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011